iii. dealing growing conflicts;

iv. maintaing and renewing existing infrastructure;

v. building infrastructure in under-served areas and for under-served public purposes;

vi. making the transition from development to management and development;

vii. revitalizing the mechinery of government to deal with the turbulent water future; and

viii. charting a prioritized, sequenced, pragmatic path for making improvements.

Most of the issues are duly addressed in the National Water Policy and appropriate actions are taken in light of the present policies of the Union and the State Governments. There is no proposal regarding setting up of a separate water management body.

(b) Does not arise.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED AND UNSTARRED QUESTIONS SET FOR THE 19TH DECEMBER, 2005

Entry of Foreign Universities

*361. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high powered ministerial panel is on the cards to decide on entry of foreign universities into the country in the light of the stringent recommendations made by an expert committee headed by noted scientists;

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* The sitting of the Rajya Sabha on Monday, the 19th December, 2005 was adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of Shri P.M. Sayeed, a sitting Member of the Rajya Sabha and Minister of Power, who passed away on the 18th December, 2005. Answers to Questions put down in the lists for that day were laid on the Table of House on Tuesday, the 20th December, 2005.

(b) if so, whether this matter is to be considered by a Group of Ministers before it is placed before the cabinet;

(c) if so, by when the panel is likely to submit its recommendations;

(d) whether Government is also considering that those universities which offer some form of joint ventures including business opportunities should be entertained; and

(e) if so, by when Government are likely to take a decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) No Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

National Urban Renewal Mission

†*362. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the cities included under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission;

(b) the cities where work under the Mission is already underway;

(c) the amount allocated for the said project during the current financial year; and

(d) the status of covering mega cities in Orissa for development of the infrastructure with a view to improve the economy of this backward region?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) List of cities covered under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) For accessing funds under this Mission, cities are required to prepare 'City Development Plans' (CDPs) and 'Detailed Project Reports' (DPRs) and submit them for appraisal to the competent authorities prescribed under the scheme. Projects can be taken up after due appraisal

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.